

REMARKS

The claims have been rewritten in what is to be proper American form. Thus, new claim 16 is a shortened version of allowed claim 11, which eliminates the formal problems of claim 11. Claims 17 and 18 correspond respectively to claims 14 and 15.

It is believed that claim 16 is allowable, because it recites the punctiform light sources each comprising the termination of an optical fiber carried by a retractor.

The cited references do not disclose this. SHULMAN et al. apparently has no light source; and the light source of HIRSCH et al. appears to be a tube, not a series of distributed punctiform light sources each comprising the termination of an optical fiber.

No new claim corresponds to rejected claims 12 and 13.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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